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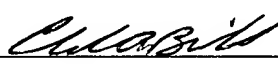
For: ROD INTEGRATOR (as amended)

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

25 August 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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Charles A. Brill	Date

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 26 June 2002, applicant responds as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten title:

--ROD INTEGRATOR--

**REMARKS**

This application was originally filed on December 28, 2000 with thirty claims, two of which were written in independent form. Claims 8, 9, 14, and 21-30 have been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. No claims have been allowed.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,335,158 to Kaplan et al. ("Kaplan"). The applicant respectfully disagrees and submits the Examiner has failed to present a *prima facie* case of anticipation. Section 2131 of the Manual of Patent Examiner's Procedure provides:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros.*